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1. Willi Stoph* and Walter Schreck, new chief of Chemiephs, are reported to have expressed the opinion that SED officials, principally in industrial and economic fields, are being superseded by former Nazis. Stoph said that he was greatly concerned with the trend to push trusted communists, in the background and away from managerial posts. Schreck stated that former Nazis are actually being approached to take high level positions in several large state owned industries. Both suspect a fundamental change in the Soviet attitude in the East Zone.
2. According to Schreck, who is very close to the Soviet Control Commission, the aim of the Moscow Economic Conference is to attract western producers to open new trade channels with satellite countries. It has been reported that special planes would fly interested delegates to Peking and other satellite capitals in order to encourage trade discussions.

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* Comment: Willi Stoph is the chief of the Buero fuer Wirtschaftsfragen
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